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SUBJECT : GUINEAN RADIO PUBLISHES AND COMMENTS ON SPANISH

VERSION OF THE ALBATROS

REF: (A) DAKAR 1064 AND 1061 (NOTAL)

(B) CONAKRY 380

1. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR CLARK'S SUCCESS IN
ELICITING MESSAGE FROM SPANISH AMBASSADOR OCHOA TO
PRESIDENT TOURE REFUTING GUINEAN CHARGES ON THE ALBATROS
(REFTELS).

2. REGRET AMBASSADOR OCHOA WAITED SO LONG. IN BROADCAST
MARCH 15, GUINEAN GOVERNMENT RADIO, VOICE OF REVOLUTION (VOR),
CARRIED A STATEMENT ON THE ALBATROS MADE BY THE SPANISH REPRE-
SENTATIVE AT THE UN A FEW DAYS AGO. THIS STATEMENT INCLUDED
THE READING OF A SPANISH GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED
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" SEVERAL WEEKS AGO", IN REPLY TO EARLIER CHARGES THAT THE ALBATROS PLANNED TO INVADE GUINEA.

3. TAKEN BY ITSELF, THE SPANISH COMMUNIQUE REFUTED GUINEAN CHARGES THAT THE MERCENARIES ABOARD THE ALBATROS WERE PLANNING TO INVADE GUINEA. IN A COMMENTARY FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE HOWEVER, VOR IMPLIED THAT THE SEKOU TOURE REGIME'S VIGILANCE HAD " DISCOVERED" WHAT THE ALBATROS WAS UP TO (READ INVADE GUINEA) AND AS A RESULT THE ALBATROS WAS GIVEN ANOTHER TASK, THAT OF INVADING EQUATORIAL GUINEA. (" VOILA QUE LES FAITS PRECISES: LE BATEAU EN QUESTION, L' ALBATROS, DEPISTE SERAIT COMIS, DIT- ON, A UNE AUTRE TACHE, CELLE DE ENVAHIR LA GUINEE EQUATORIALS"). IN ANY CASE, COMMENTARY CONCLUDED, IT MAKES LITTLE DIFFERENCE WHETHER IT WAS GOING TO BE EITHER OF THE GUINEAS, MOROCCO, OR ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA SINCE THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA IS THE DEFENDER OF ALL AFRICA.

4. COMMENT: SEKOU TOURE SEEMS TO HAVE PUBLISHED THE TRUE FACTS OF THE CRUISE OF THE ALBATROS AS RELATED BY THE SPANISH, WHILE NOT TAKING BACK HIS EARLIER CHARGES. HOW THE ALBATROS WAS DIVERTED FROM GUINEA TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA IN JANUARY 1973 BY A RADIO BROADCAST MADE IN MARCH 1973 IS LEFT UNEXPLAINED. IT ALL ADDS UP TO ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION OF THE TRUISM THAT IN THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA SEKOU TOURE IS NEVER WRONG. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE VOR COMMENTARY COULD BE EVEN MORE FAR REACHING NOW THAT THE GUINEA REGIME PUBLICLY DECLARES ITSELF DEFENDER AND PROTECTOR OF ALL AFRICA.

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